

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1307 – SB 1387

March 12, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Health (DOH) to establish, promote, and maintain a lupus education and awareness program with an emphasis on at-risk communities to raise public awareness, educate consumers, and educate and train health professionals, human services providers, and other audiences.

Requires the DOH to conduct a needs assessment identifying certain criteria that will be used to develop and maintain a directory of lupus-related services and healthcare providers with specialization in services to diagnose and treat lupus.

Requires the DOH to establish a program to award grants to educate and train physicians, health professionals, and other service providers on the most current, accurate scientific and medical information on lupus diagnosis, treatment, and therapeutic decision-making, including medical best practices for detecting and treating the disease in special populations, risks and benefits of medications, and research advances.

Authorizes the DOH to accept gifts, grants, and donations from the federal government, foundations, organizations, medical schools, and other entities for fulfilling the obligations of the program and to seek any federal waiver that may be necessary to maximize funds from the federal government to implement the program.

Requires the DOH to develop and maintain a directory of lupus-related services and healthcare providers with specialization in services to diagnose and treat lupus and to disseminate the directory to all stakeholders, including individuals with lupus, families, representatives from voluntary organizations, health professionals, health plans, and state and local health agencies.

Requires the DOH to undertake activities, including implementing a statewide campaign, to raise public awareness about the symptoms of lupus, personal risk factors, and options for diagnosing and treating the disease with a particular focus on populations at elevated risk for lupus.

Creates in the State Treasury, the Lupus Education and Awareness Program Fund. Requires the DOH to annually report on this part to the Chairs of the Health and Welfare Committee of the Senate and the Health Committee of the House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Revenue –
\$61,100/One-Time/Lupus Education and Awareness Program Fund
Exceeds \$345,200/Recurring/Lupus Education and Awareness Program Fund

Increase State Expenditures –
\$61,100/One-Time/General Fund
Exceeds \$345,200/Recurring/General Fund

\$61,100/One-Time/Lupus Education and Awareness Program Fund
Exceeds \$345,200/Recurring/Lupus Education and Awareness Program Fund

IMPACT TO COMMERCE OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase Business Revenue – \$50,000/One-Time
Exceeds \$165,000/Recurring

Increase Business Expenditures – Less than \$50,000/One-Time
Less than \$165,000/Recurring

Increase Jobs – Not Significant

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (006641, 014104): Amendment 006641 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Creates the Tennessee Task Force on Lupus Education and Awareness consisting of two legislative members, three commissioners, a lupus patient, a representative of a community organization working to create awareness and provide education about lupus, and any additional task force members as needed to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Declares that the members of the task force are to serve without compensation or reimbursement for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. Requires the task force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly in the form of a state plan to increase awareness about lupus no later than January 31, 2018, at which time the task force shall terminate and stand dissolved and discharged from any further duties. Authorizes the task force to solicit and accept donations, gifts, grants, property, or matching funds from any public or private source for the use in performing its functions under this Act.

Amendment 014104 changes the date, from January 31, 2018 to January 31, 2019, the task force is required to submit their findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures - \$2,100/One-Time

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The two legislative members will receive per diem of \$220 for each one-day meeting and will be reimbursed for mileage at a rate of \$0.47 per mile for an estimated 262 miles roundtrip.
- It is assumed the task force will meet at least four times and that three meetings will take place out of the legislative session for which the members will be eligible for per diem and travel.
- The total increase in state expenditures for the task force is estimated to exceed \$2,059 [(\$220 x 2 members x 3 meetings) + (\$0.47 x 262 miles x 2 members x 3 roundtrips)].

IMPACT TO COMMERCE WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

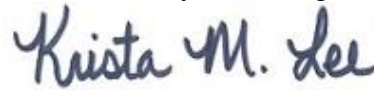
NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Requiring the task force to study and investigate the level of education concerning lupus in this state and developing recommendations for increased awareness of lupus will not have an impact on commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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